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Overall partial notes on what I've been doing, (possible) things to do, thoughts on the book, moving forward, etc.

Things to do, requested and otherwise:

- a) go through Dan's own writings and see what's already been written up that might be useful for the book; in particular, look through Dan's Cuba files; see what can be fit together as a Chapter, most especially things on the beginning and ending of the crisis. It will take me a while to do this, not the few days that I thought before; might be able to next week, starting when I return from ASA conference.
- ✓ b) Write up account of what Berlin crisis was all about (note: just found a paper by DE, "Berlin & Cuba," that essentially does this; perhaps what I could do would be to write up additional items that might help complete the picture)
- c) Research (from Nuclear Notebook, William Arkin, Hans Kristensen and Robert S. Norris), what was the nuclear and bomber threat the USSR had against Europe, and when did they have it? MRBM's, IRBMS, tactical bombers, yields and so forth? (doesn't seem to give exact breakdowns of what DE wants, including specifics)
- d) go through Dan's files of works by other people and see what's especially relevant for the book, what ought to go in, etc., or at least articles that DE recently got sent
- e) find best description of effects of one megaton bomb on a city (having a tough time finding this at the moment, too)
- f) Relevant Quemoy quotes (I think I did this; look for this plus other versions)
- g) Look over NSA documents on Kaysen/Rowen/Kaufman first strike planning over Berlin, and related interactions with WH and JCS on this (according to my examination of this, Kaysen's proposals were never implemented, in the sense that options for a more flexible plan (for SIOP 63) existed; DE, in his 8/4/14 account of the Ann Arbor speech writes that he looked over a new *draft of the JSCP* in May of 1962, I believe, which incorporated much of his BNSP (pp. 4-5), but doesn't indicate when this was implemented.
- h) Look over NESC's redactions and whether Dan has any of them in his notes (I don't see any parts redacted, that are in Dan's, unless I'm missing something)
- i) Questions regarding who had the H-bomb first; what were differences; see York and Rhodes. (working on this at the moment)

Things I've done/am doing:

- j) wrote up list of existing chapters of Dan's book and chapters to come, including some suggestions;
- k) wrote up (dummy) outline for book, including gaps, what might be included, what's already done.
- l) wrote up some notes, largely relevant quotations on the Berlin crisis, mostly from *The Presidential Recordings of John F. Kennedy* (see file, Athens-Ann Arbor)
- m) wrote up some very brief thoughts on Marc Trachtenberg's book, replete with relevant quotes
- n) wrote up some initial notes about my conversations with Dan (see especially, file "Historical Alternatives")
- o) wrote up some notes on Berlin/Cuba endgames, LeCarre (with quotes from Trachtenberg)
- p) wrote up, along with Dan, a list of "must quotes" (which now includes the Szilard/Rabi/Fermi quote that Dan wanted and which I found) and other possibly useful quotes

Things I've done/tasks I've completed (upon request)

- a) wrote up quotations at Dan's request from F & N's *Khrushchev's Cold War*

In TR files for DE to look at:

- a) Athens, Ann Arbor & Berlin: a few pages of quotes on the reactions to McNamara's speeches and related Berlin planning, from JFK Presidential Recordings.
- b) Berlin/Cuban endgame and LeCarre: a few pages of TR notes and MT quotes
- c) Actually existing book chapters/chapters to be done/alternative possible outline; a few pages
- d) Brief MT notes/quotes on Athens, Ann Arbor, Berlin & DM/Nuclear strategy
- e) Overall notes (this file on what I've been doing, things to do, files to look at, etc)
- f) Updated Must Quotes, etc

Things to do when I return to San Diego

- a) continue looking more for public reactions to Ann Arbor speech
- b) look through my files regarding 1946 Iran crisis, related war scare, Truman's nuclear threats and the question of what caused the Soviets to back down on Iran; i.e., was it Truman's nuclear threats, and what evidence is there in that regard, that he made them in the first place....